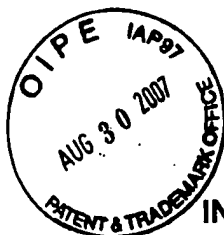


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I. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated June 8, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

Claims 1-8 are pending in the application. By this Amendment, claims 1 and 4-6 are amended and claims 7 and 8 are added. Claims 5 and 6 stand withdrawn from consideration.

II. AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

(There are no amendments to the drawings)

III. AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

(There are no amendments to the specification)